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***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 18-23 and 26-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 17 for the pending claim 17:

17. (once amended) Vaccine containing one or more synthetic or purified natural peptides or proteins as antigen(s) as well as one or more adjuvants, characterised in that it is present as a solution or emulsion which is substantially free from inorganic salt ions, wherein said solution or emulsion contains one or more water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances which is capable of making the vaccine isotonic or hypotonic, said substance(s) selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a maltose;
- b) a fructose;
- c) a galactose;
- d) a saccharose;
- e) a sugar alcohol;
- g) a lipid; and
- h) combinations thereof.

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Please substitute the following claim 24 for the pending claim 24:

- B2
24. (once amended) Vaccine according to claim 36, characterized in that the sugar alcohol is sorbitol.

Please substitute the following claim 25 for the pending claim 25:

- B3
25. (once amended) Vaccine according to claim 17, characterized in that said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is present in a concentration such that the resulting solution is isotonic.

Please substitute the following claim 28 for the pending claim 28:


- B4
28. (once amended) Vaccine according to claim 36, characterized in that the concentration of sugar alcohol is in the range from about 200-400 mM.

Please add the following new claims:

- B2
35. (new) Vaccine according to claim 17, characterized in that said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is present in a concentration such that the resulting solution is hypotonic.
36. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is a sugar alcohol.

37. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is maltose.
38. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is fructose.
39. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is galactose.
40. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is saccharose.
41. (new) Vaccine according to claim 36, characterized in that the sugar alcohol is mannitol.
42. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substance is a lipid.
43. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, wherein said said water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances are selected from the group consisting of maltose, fructose, galactose, saccharose and combinations thereof.

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44. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 43, characterized in that the concentration of the water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances is in the range from about 200-400 mM.
45. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 44, characterized in that the concentration of the water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances is in the range from about 250-300 mM.
46. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 17, characterized in that the concentration of the water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances is in the range from about 200-400 mM.
-  47. (new) The vaccine formulation of claim 46, characterized in that the concentration of the water soluble or water-emulsifiable substances is in the range from about 250-300 mM.